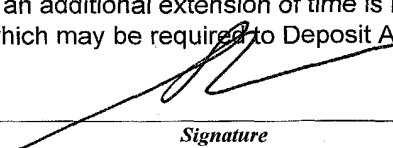


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)			Docket No. 5253	
In Re Application Of: Heath et al.				
Serial No. 09/241,636	Filing Date Feb. 2, 1999	Examiner Jeanine Enewold Goldberg	Group Art Unit 1655	
Invention: Processes for Isolating, Amplifying and Characterizing DNA				
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>				
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>August 15, 2001</u> in the above-identified application. <i>Date</i>				
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <input type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months from: <u>November 15, 2001</u> until: <u>February 15, 2002</u> <i>Date</i> <i>Date</i>				
A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.				
The fee for the extension of time is \$445 and is to be paid as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1945 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 18-1945 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
 <i>Signature</i>		Dated: Feb 15, 2002		
Sanjay Sitlani Reg. No. 48,489 Ropes & Gray 1301 K Street NW, Suite 800 East Washington DC 20005		<div>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</div> <div><i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></div> <div><i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></div>		
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